

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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) 4:11CR3132
vs.)
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JOHN W. CHARLES,)
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Defendant.)

**PRELIMINARY ORDER
OF FORFEITURE**

NOW ON THIS 5th day of June, 2012, this matter comes on before the Court upon the United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 35). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. The Defendant has entered into a Plea Agreement (Filing No. 30) whereby he has agreed to plead guilty to Count II and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment filed herein. Count II charged the Defendant knowingly possessed one or more items which contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) and (b)(2). The Forfeiture Allegation sought the forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253, of One Toshiba satellite laptop computer, model number L505D-S5965, serial number 59682366Q, with power cord; and a micro SD card with adapter, on the basis they were used or were intended to be used to facilitate said violation.

2. By virtue of said guilty plea, the Defendant forfeits his interest in the above-described properties, and the United States should be entitled to possession of said properties, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253.

3. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be sustained.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

A. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is hereby sustained.

B. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the Defendant's plea of guilty, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the Toshiba satellite laptop computer, model number L505D-S5965, serial number 59682366Q, with power cord; and a micro SD card with adapter.

C. The Defendant's interest in said properties is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 2253.

D. The aforementioned properties are to be held by the United States in its secure custody and control.

E. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253, the United States forthwith shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official Government internet site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, Notice of Publication evidencing the United States' intent to dispose of the properties in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject properties must file a Petition with the court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

F. Said published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph E, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's alleged interest in the properties, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject properties and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

G. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the properties subject to this Order as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

H. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253, in which all interests will be addressed.

ORDERED this 5th day of June, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

Richard G. Kopf

**RICHARD G. KOPF, Senior Judge
United States District Court**